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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

5 The examiner has indicated that the applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits from the following species of the claimed invention:

Species A: The linear actuator is a threaded rod.

Species B: The linear actuator is a belt.

10 Additionally, the Examiner has required the applicant to further select a subspecies from the following.

Subspecies C: The transmission comprises a gear to connect to the linear actuator and a second gear to connect to the motor.

Subspecies D: The transmission comprises a friction drive.

15 **Response:**

The applicant hereby elects Species B and subspecies D for prosecution on the merits in response to the above election requirement. The claims readable on the elected Species B and Subspecies D are claims 1, 5-6, 8-12, and 19-21.

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The applicant asserts independent claims 1 and 19 are generic claims readable directly on the elected species and subspecies and that the scope of the generic claims 1 and 19 additionally covers claims 2-4, 7, and 13, which have been indicated in this response as Withdrawn as not reading directly on the elected Species and Subspecies. If the generic  
25 claim 1 is found to be allowable, the applicant requests that the election requirement be removed and claims 2-4, 7, and 13 be rejoined. Claims 14-18 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter thereof, however, the applicant reserves the

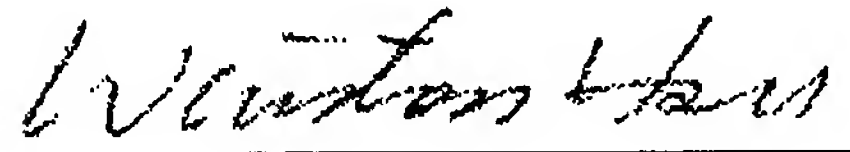
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right to file divisional applications based on these or withdrawn claims.

No new matter is introduced in this Office action. Consideration of claims 1, 5-6, 8-12, and 19-21 readable on the elected Species B and Subspecies D is respectfully requested.

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Sincerely yours,



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